

AMENDMENT

In the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 28 as follows:

The trading agent node provides services to a specific trading floor or group of traders. These services include providing access to the network for each trading work station, completing deals, producing deal tickets and maintaining historical dealing information for traders. Each trading agent node must connect to at least one broker node to access the trading system. A group of trader terminals thus connects to a trading agent 10 (shown individually in figure 1 as trading agents 10a through 10f) to access the system.